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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/528,115

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Hong-Vinh Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03/16/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/24/2006 & 03/16/2005
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okuda (US 2002/0053838 A1).

Regarding claim 1, Okuda discloses a motor/generator M comprising a stator supported on the engine side wall and a rotor supported on the inner face of the peripheral wall of the crank pulley so as to face the outer periphery of the stator ([0008]). The rotor comprises of a plurality of magnets attached to the inner surface of

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the peripheral wall 33 of the crank pulley ([0030]). The peripheral wall 33 is formed integrally with the side wall 32, which extends radially from the boss 28 of the crank pulley 9. The crankshaft 8 projects out of the chain cover 26 and is fitted in a boss 28 via a key 29 where bolt 30 and washer 31 prevents it from falling out. Cooling air comes in via inlet passage 46 and flows through annular space S and the stator coils. The peripheral wall 33 and side wall 32 appropriately cover the stator and allows for cooling fan blades 32a to form on the sidewall (Fig. 2 and 3).

Regarding claim 2, Okuda discloses motor/generator M as in claim 1 above and further discloses the side wall 32 and the peripheral wall 33 being integrally formed, having a central part fixed to the crankshaft 8 via sealing member 27 and bolt 30 and washer 31. Fig. 2 shows a central portion of the motor/generator formed with the shaft, bolt, and boss to which one end of the side wall 32 is connected, and the peripheral wall 33 forms a ring portion around the central part, connected to the other end of the side wall 32. Fan blades 32a connect the central portion to the peripheral wall 33, which is cylindrical in shape and covers the stator.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hong-Vinh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 270 1743. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm (EST).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bruce can be reached on 571 272 2487. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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